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## U. S. MOVE IN EUROPE TO CALL FOR 'SHOWDOWN'

### SHORT STORIES

Facts With Fills, Factions and Otherwise  
By "S. S."

Showered about 4 o'clock.  
School out next year.  
Have you a little holiday in your house?

Chesley McDonald was aboard early this morning.

DAILY SHOP SCORE:—At Beaumont, 3; in Port Arthur, 7.

J. R. Deany again leads the Retail Merchants' Association Congress.

In writing friends up north, don't forget to mention that roses are cut with the holly in Christmas decorations in Port Arthur homes.

Santa Claus sent S. S. a radio that Port Arthur children will be well taken care of, and added that he's leaving the North Pole one day this week.

Is there any insurance that will protect shoes, socks and trousers worn by pedestrians and killed by floods on Frecker street? S. S. wants to know.

How time changes things! Back in 1916, when the Port Arthur Board of Trade got out an illustrated booklet, one of the institutions pictured as one to boast of was the local gas plant.

Rained early Saturday morning. Not much thought, as only one hundred of an inch was added to Deany's already respectable total, according to Ernest Carson at the weather office.

His new books for the doors on the city jail have arrived, police said today. They cost \$77, which proves, according to City Father A. A. Poter, finance commissioner, that it's expensive to keep men in jail.

CAT AND ELECTRICITY

A few "infinities" and "infinities" of No. 5 pump house stopped running," writes the correspondent of the Port Arthur works in the Texaco Star for December.

"Upon investigation, Bill Smiley found that Pop Allen's cat, Harry, had clung to the wiring back of the central board, forming a short."

"Our hearts go out to Mr. Allen for his loss."

"He was a smart cat, but he didn't know much about electricity."

An anonymous confidant sends in the following:

How to keep the bank's Vice-President busy.

Count postage stamps.  
See that the main clock doesn't lose time.

Look for spots on the white ceiling.  
Invent new groupings of names on the bank's letter-head.

Wash dirty dollar bills.  
Help the president on with his coat.  
Keep track of the "Next Window" sign.

Watch what makes people sometimes stumble when they enter the bank.

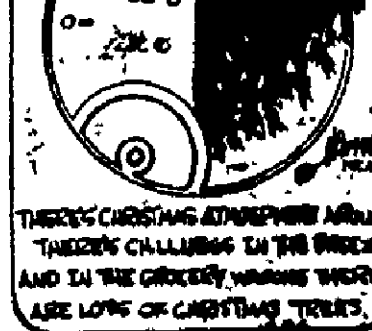
Direct other vice-presidents.

This suggestion is added: Anyone who fills the above specifications may join the Coffee Club with full privileges and no dues.

Townsend Listens  
In on Galveston  
Without Aerials

Without aerial connection on his wireless receiving set, W. E. Townsend, who lives on the Beaumont road, recently heard a program of radio music broadcasted at Galveston, 60 miles away, he declared today.

"A violin program broadcasted Friday night by the Los Angeles, Cal. Times, was heard plainly on my set without any amplifiers," Mr. Townsend said, picking up wireless concerns and messages broadcasted by stations from New York to California in an every night occurrence, he stated.



THESE CHRISTMAS ADVERTISEMENTS ARE THE ONLY CHALLENGES IN THE BLOCK, AND IN THE CIRCULARS THERE ARE ARE LONG OF CHRISTMAS TREES.

### OKLAHOMA TOWN TAPS GAS MAINS

Mayor Takes Emergency Action During "Snap"

WARM FOR FIRST TIME

Shoves Utility Fuel Into Inadequate City Main

DUMFRIES, Okla., Dec. 16.—Drumright has shivered its last time this winter.

This was the declaration of Mayor W. A. Nicodemus here today following his "emergency action" in supplying Drumright homes with a plentiful gas supply yesterday.

"Drumright is going to have gas this winter regardless of how we have to get it or who we get it from," the mayor said.

"Last night was the first time this season that everyone was warm and it was the first time in a week that we had no fire at all."

Taps Utility Main.

With a band of twenty local citizens Nicodemus tapped the gas mains of the Oklahoma Gas Company and turned the fuel into the local main.

Although in the heart of one of Oklahoma's gas fields, Drumright has constantly suffered an inadequate supply of fuel, as the local company has supplied by the smaller wells.

The Oklahoma Natural Gas Company's supply was sufficient, Nicodemus said, to supply Drumright, as well as its score of other client towns.

"Lawful Means" Ruling.

Recently Nicodemus obtained a ruling from the state corporation commission allowing him to obtain gas for his city by "any lawful means."

Nicodemus said today that as a public utility existed his tapping of the gas mains was "lawful."

REEL DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Gulf Employee Succumbs on Way to Hospital

Stricken with a heart attack, Rufus J. Reed, 35 years old, 203 Nineteenth street, died Friday afternoon about 5 o'clock while being rushed to Mary Elmer hospital from the Gulf refinery.

Reed had been a resident of Port Arthur for the past five years, working with the Gulf company.

The body will be shipped to Smiley, Texas, Sunday morning, out of Beaumont, under the direction of J. E. Grammer, undertaker, and burial will be made at that place. Reed is survived by his widow, three sons, Claude, Sherman and Clifton, and a daughter, Vergie; a brother, H. Reed of Smiley, Texas; and a sister, Mrs. L. Davis of Pilgrim, Texas.

BANK BANDITS HIDING IN HILLS

Escaped With \$28,000 in Car With Texas License

DURANT, Okla., Dec. 16.—Five bandits who yesterday held up the Caddo National Bank, Caddo, twelve miles north of here, and escaped with \$28,000 in Liberty bonds and \$5,000 in cash, were believed in hiding in the hills of Pushmataha county today.

The automobile, carrying a Texas license tag, in which the bandits escaped, was traced to the county line by posse from Caddo and here.

None of the bandits were recognized by the thirteen persons locked in the vault, they said.

Immigration District Merger Gets Protest

Request that the Chamber of Commerce join with Galveston bodies in protesting the merger of the Galveston immigration district with the New Orleans district, received Saturday.

The committee of the Maritime committee of the organization. Action is not regarded as likely, however, inasmuch as the local immigration office is not affected by the change.

Ordinance Extending Dates for Discount on Water Bills Passes

An ordinance authorizing the extension of the time for getting discount on water and sewer bills to include the tenth of the month, effective January 1, 1934, was passed under suspended rules by the city commission Friday afternoon. The extension in the time for giving discount on the bills was recommended by Commissioner A. A. Poter as a result in the change of dates in the retailers' pay days, also effective after January 1, 1934.

### Paris Dispatch Verifies Message By Senders Here

Two Paris' outposts, Ferrara, and Lodi, heard the wireless telephone broadcast from the American station WZZ and picked up the message from a dozen American sources, among them INX at Port Arthur, Texas.

RETAIL SESSION REELECTS DENNY

Felix Broussard Re-Appointed Secretary

J. R. Denny will again head the Merchants' association, being re-elected president when officers were elected by the new board of directors at a Saturday morning meeting.

Eleven members of the board, for the most part old members, were elected at a business session following dinner at the Plaza Friday night.

Other officers elected were Leonard Fisher, vice-president, and J. C. Reiche, treasurer. Felix Broussard was re-appointed as secretary for the coming year.

The steering directors for the new year are: C. T. Baker, Leonard Fisher, Ed. Johnson, Julius Deuster, F. G. Gifford, Perry Isaac, A. C. Reiche, Earl Muller, W. T. Hooker, L. W. Hainemann and J. R. Denny.

\$14,925 Warehouse To Be Built Here By Beaumont Firm

Application for a building permit for a \$14,925 warehouse to be constructed on Houston avenue at Seventh street was filed today by Joseph Miller and Gordon company, of Beaumont. The warehouse will occupy three lots adjoining the Port Arthur Grain company's establishment, and a part of the proposed warehouse will be leased by that concern, Walter Kavanaugh, manager, stated recently.

ZONE THREE EXPRESS RATE SET FOR FEB. 23

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 16.—Hearings on express rates for the southern part of zone three will be held at Dallas on February 23. Railroad Commissioners C. E. Gilmore announced today.

The hearing will be before a representative of the interstate commerce commission and is part of the investigation in which application is made for an increase in interstate express rates.

Sympathizers of King Constantine Flee to Escape Certain Death

ROME, Dec. 16.—Hundreds of persons suspected of sympathy with King Constantine are fleeing from Greece on every available steamer, according to refugees arriving here in increasing numbers. Most of these coming to Italy are government officials, former ministers, generals and prefects who feared under Constantine.

Tales of horrors are related by three refugees, who declare the revolution is a crime to have sworn allegiance to the king. The widow of M. Stratos, executed minister and their two children are due here shortly.

HOUSTON STREET WORK LAUNCHED

Sewers Being Laid From Thomas to Ninth

Storm sewers are being laid today on Houston avenue from Thomas boulevard to Ninth street. Two blocks of storm sewers, from Seventh to Ninth streets have been laid on Houston, said the city engineer said today.

Excavations for the sewer track have been completed on the far end of Houston avenue, and crews are now assembling for the construction of the sewer tracks in the center street. A. P. Moline, consulting engineer, said.

Work of laying the track cannot be started until the ground dries out and all of the water collected in the excavations gotten out, he said.

Because of the bridges across Thomas as boulevard being torn away to allow the construction of a concrete bridge, Houston avenue is closed at Thomas, and traffic is detouring along San Antonio avenue, the engineers stated.

STRAINS FROM OFFICER

HOUSTON, Dec. 16.—A Houston police officer, left his car in front of the station last night while he answered roll call and someone stole a coat and ran from it.

### \$2 GAS RATE TO BE FIXED MONDAY

Commission Takes Unanimous Stand

MAXIMUM RATE

Ordinance Will Not Recognize It as Minimum

Port Arthur's city commission stands unanimously in favor of the setting of a \$2 temporary gas rate and will so fix the rate on Monday afternoon.

This announcement, which amounts in view of the gas company representations, to a legal war, was made by the commissioners at the Friday afternoon session.

It was made when it became evident that V. J. Wisner, city attorney, would be unable to complete an ordinance establishing a \$2 rate in time for Friday afternoon, as decided at an earlier conference between members of the commission and the citizens advisory committee.

Action Unanimous.

The unanimity of the commission on the gas rate became publicly known when Commissioner Poter, who had been in Galveston when the early steps were taken, announced himself in favor of the action. Mayor Logan and Commissioner Wade had already committed themselves to the \$2 rate.

It declaring that he would vote for the \$2 temporary rate, which will be in effect for 90 days, Commissioner Poter declared that he thought "it was too high—\$1.75 would be high enough"—but that inasmuch as it is a temporary action he would vote with the rest of the commission.

The \$2 rate, under the ordinance in preparation, will be the maximum rate, with or without deposit. A proportionately lower rate than \$2 will be set for each "bucket" of higher users after the first 5,000 feet.

No Reference to Deposits.

Nothing will be included in the ordinance Mayor Logan said, with regard to deposits. The company asked for the setting of a lower rate for those who deposited security for payment to the amount of one and a half times their largest bill. Neither will the ordinance make any reference to a security deposit.

Under their present franchise, the company is permitted to render a minimum bill of \$1, and they are empowered to require a deposit for the security of their bills. The amount of the deposit is not specified, however.

Reference on Committee.

Dr. M. F. Hildebrand has been added to the "sewering" committee, named Friday from members of the gas rate advisory committee, according to an announcement by Mayor Logan. Other members of the committee are F. E. Gifford, chairman; Julius Deuster, secretary; and G. K. Lomax, treasurer.

18 VETS APPLY FOR TRAINING

Today Last in Which Applications May Be Made

Today is the dead line for former service men who are entitled and who desire vocational training. Applications postmarked after today will not be considered by the department. Something like 18 applications have been forwarded from Port Arthur by the local Red Cross chapter during the last week, and arrangements have been made to care for additional applications in the coming days. Only a single application is required at this time—details of each case can be forwarded later if the application is made now. Those whose war service handicapped them 10 per cent or more for following their vocation, are entitled to this training in order to equip them for other work—the allowance being graduated on the disability, and the number of dependants.

To Pour Concrete Monday for the New Stilwell Pump Plant

With work of setting wooden forms and steel reinforcing rods for the walls of the sanitary sewer pumping pit at the end of Stilwell boulevard being carried on today, it is expected that concrete will be poured Monday.

M. C. Erwin, city engineer, said today. Electric driven pumps and equipment for installation in this pumping plant have been ordered by the city commission.

DEPUTY'S BOY BURNED TO DEATH BY REBELS

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Emmet McGarry, seven-year old son of Deputy Sean McGarry, died as a result of burns received when he was locked in a house with his mother and a brother and sister by Dr. Valerius, who set fire to the dwelling, according to the Daily Telegraph's Dublin correspondent. The others were burned but not out of danger, the correspondent says. The outrage is understood to have occurred December 11.

### Speaking of Stenographers



End Wentworth was the international love champion-ship in the stenographers' league. There are 30 members on the staff of the London business house where she is employed. In the ten years she has worked there—End is 26—she has been engaged to each one of them. Now she is marrying the owner and all her old lovers will be at the church to wish her well. The 30 engagement rings, which she returned, have been "met" in a clock which the firm is presenting her as a reminder of her adventures in romance.

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K. E. Warren, city street and bridge superintendent, said today. The construction of the concrete bridges was a part of the paving work to be done on West Sixteenth street by the county from Houston avenue to Taylor's bayou bridge. It was stated. Actual paving work has not been started on the thoroughfare, Warren said.

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The judge accompanied a friend to this city on a short business trip, he said.

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### NATIONS MUST GIVE AND TAKE, SAYS HARDING

Calls in Trusted Advisors as to Best Means

WASHINGTON TENSE

Bankers' Loan to Germany to Hinge on French Action

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Harding today sought the counsel of his most trusted advisors as to the best means of intervention to prevent the approaching economic crash in Europe.

It is understood the president felt encouraged by the favorable reaction in European capitals to the news of America's determination to prevent a collapse.

Harding Consults Cabinet

In addition to frequent consultations with his cabinet, cable discussions with American ambassadors abroad and his forthcoming conference with Ambassador George Harter, the president will seek the advice of leading senators, including the irreconcilables in the treaty fight and of prominent leaders in American thought.

Not since the dramatic days that developed the great disarmament conference here has Washington been so tense to an anticipated move by the government. It is believed that the present contemplated action may even surpass the disarmament conference in world importance.

The impression continued to prevail in official circles that another international conference would be called, but it was believed a final decision would not be reached until after the consultation here with Harter about January 1.

To Demand "Showdown"

The coming move by the United States in effect will call for a "showdown" in Europe; it will require an answer from the European nations concerned whether they are ready to a broad way to approach a solution of the world problem that has developed since the conclusion of the international peace and reconstruction; or whether they prefer to continue on the road that is dragging Europe into a pit of disaster.

Three great weapons that the United States has to aid in bringing about a settlement of the European crisis were seen here today by observers:

Three Equations.

1. The readiness of American bankers to float a loan for Germany up to \$1,000,000,000—estimated from \$1,500,000,000.

2. More leniency in the collection of the allied war debt of \$11,000,000,000 to this country, including reductions in the provision for reloaning to debtor nations and a material extension of the present period of 25 years for repayment of the principal.

3. The moral influence of the United States throughout the world, which President Harding has indicated he believed is one of the greatest factors in the situation. However, no such economic conference in Washington or whatever move is made by the United States, these three things will be offered only on the provisions that the European nations will agree to the Reparations Settlement.

Finally settlement of the German reparations problem, the root of the trouble in Europe, will be asked.

This country also wishes assurance that France will not take such drastic steps of coercion that would again bring turmoil in Europe and lead to premature German rearmament.

France's fear of Germany has again brought into discussion here the possibility of an agreement in Europe modeled after the four-power Pacific treaty. Such an European pact for non-aggression, including for instance, Great Britain, France, Germany and Italy, might give France the necessary guarantees against a future attack from Germany.

TO INSTALL 25 FIRE HYDRANTS MONDAY

Work of placing 25 additional fire hydrants in the downtown section will be started Monday morning, M. C. Erwin, city engineer, said today.

The additional hydrants were ordered several months ago by the city commission, following a recommendation from a representative of the state fire marshal's office that the number of fire hydrants in the business district should be increased.

COUNTING PILES

Work of Exploring Canal Bed Is Started

Further work of charting and counting a number of old, broken off piles in the ship canal at the pier bridge, destroyed by a fire while getting out a 36-ton concrete beam knocked into the canal several months ago by a passing ship, is being carried on today by William Moore and Sons, contractors. M. C. Erwin, city engineer, said today.

It is believed that the old piles are a part of the fender system for the original wooden draw bridge built over the canal many years ago, Mr. Erwin said, and that they were broken off and forgotten until encountered by the Moore ship several days ago.

The city commission Thursday accepted the proposal of William Moore to count and chart the piles, but no authority to pull them out has been given by the commission.

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## ANOTHER ISLAND GOES UNDER SEA

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1. *Chlorophyll a* and *Chlorophyll b* contents were determined by spectrophotometry using the method of Lichtenthaler and Whistler (1987). The total chlorophyll content was calculated using the following formula:



# EASTERN TEAMS FAVORED TO WIN IN COAST GAMES

First Inter-Sectional Game  
on Christmas

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Never before in history has the Pacific coast had the honor of so many thrilling football games as at the present time.

San Diego will be the scene of a struggle between the strong University of West Virginia eleven and Gonzaga university—one of the outstanding eleven of the Northwest—on Christmas day.

Pittsburgh will meet Leland Stanford at Palo Alto on December 20.

On New Year's day Penn State and the University of Southern California will do battle at Pasadena upon the occasion of the annual tournament of roses.

The attitude of the conference seems to have prevented the coast champions, California and Stanford, from meeting the Washington team at Pasadena. The team which did accept, the University of Southern California, made a fair record in the recent football season. California beat Stanford 12 to 0, but she defeated Leland Stanford 6 to 0. As showing the outstanding form of the University of California team, it may be pointed out that when Oregon and Washington met at Eugene, Oregon, on November 10, California defeated Washington 45 to 7 and prevailed over Stanford 28 to 7.

Unless the rigors of the long journey and West coast hospitality affect the players too greatly, the East should make a very good showing against rivals of the Far West. While some of the teams from this section may claim to championship honors, West Virginia, which was unbeaten this year, played one of the games, in an exceedingly strong outfit. It will be surprising if Gonzaga can hold the Washington team.

**Pittsburgh Battle**  
Pittsburgh will leave for Palo Alto in December 22 with a very strong outfit. It is expected that some time in the future, the recent season, but when it was very potent. Twenty-five players will make the trip.

## LONGHORN CAGE SQUAD IS NAMED

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 16.—Selection of 18 men for the Longhorn squad has been announced by Milton Turner, basketball coach of the University of Texas. Of this number 14 were letter-men on last year's team, three were members of the freshman team last year, and the remainder will play their first basketball game for the university this year. The players chosen are as follows: Joe Ward, Fort Worth; Ivan Robinson, Dallas; Howard Gilstrap, Houston; H. A. Clayton, Houston; W. L. Seider, Houston; H. Lockwood, Waco; E. K. Barrett, Houston; Alphonso England, Dallas; Malcolm McCormick, Beaumont; Vernon Schindler, San Antonio; Albert Curtis, Fort Worth; Oscar Eckhardt, Austin; Swede Swanson, Stamford; Joe Eason, Fort Worth; C. H. Foster, Houston; and J. N. Foster, Waco.

## MISKE LOSES TO TOMMY GIBBONS

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 16.—Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul won the referee's decision over his fellow townsman, Billy Miske, in a 10-round boxing contest here last night.

Gibbons led most of the way. It was distinctly a Gibbons fight, although Miske had flashes in which he showed to advantage, but at no time was he able to stand off his lighter opponent for any considerable time. Their stony chins were, Miske 190; Gibbons 22 1-2.

Staggers in Xmas packages, all sizes and prices, Hart Drug Company.

## Leads in Scoring



Enter Briggs Kingsley of Franklin and Marshall college, with a bid for football fame.

Where is Franklin and Marshall college? You say.

Answer—Lancaster, Pa.

What has Kingsley done to make him famous?

Merely scored 120 points all by his lonesome.

No other college player in the East passed the century mark in points scored.

Ranking next to Kingsley is "Duke" Morrison, famous fullback of the University of California. During the 1922 season he scored 123 points, seven in the year of 1923. In the East, Brunner of Lafayette, with 86 points, was his closest rival.

Outstanding performances in the record of Franklin and Marshall was a 19 to 6 victory over Swarthmore, and the leading of University of Pennsylvania to two touchdowns.

After the game with the Sticker, eagles at Dallas, the Bears leave for New Orleans, where games will be played with the local Knights of Columbus and Catholic university clubs.

The trip will continue through Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia and back again to games in Port Arthur and Houston. The Bruins expect to get much needed playing experience while on this tour, and be in the best of condition to start the conference season after Christmas.

**VETERAN ROBIN WILL PILOT ATLANTA TEAM**  
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 16.—Otto Miller, veteran catcher of the Brooklyn National league club, has been signed as manager of the Crickets, according to a wire-receipted from Jack Corbett, president of the local team, who has been on a still hunt for a manager since the St. A. Lynch enterprise took over the Atlanta outfit from R. J. Spiller after the close of last season.

**DAVE SHADE WINNER IN NEBRASKA BOUT**  
SHADE, California welterweight, won a referee's decision over Frankie Shovel of Buffalo, N. Y., in 10 rounds here last night. George Shlater, Omaha welterweight, knocked out Frank McSwain of Kansas City in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round semi-final.

**DOLLS 98c to \$5.95**  
Hundreds upon hundreds of dolls, sleeping dolls, talking dolls, mama dolls, musical dolls, 98c to \$5.95.

**Fair Store**  
543 Procter

**Fowler's Cafe**  
628 Procter  
Formerly American Cafe—Under New Management  
Service Equal to Any  
Open 5 a. m. to 12 p. m.

**WHEELER RELEASED TO WICHITA FALLS**  
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16.—The Pittsburgh National league baseball club has announced the outright release of Floyd Wheeler, recent pitcher in the Wichita Falls club of the Texas league.

# BAYLOR QUINTET STARTS ON TOUR OF GULF STATES

Will Play in Port Arthur on  
December 28

WACO, Texas, Dec. 16.—Eight members of the Baylor basketball squad accompanied by Coach Bridges left here today on a twelve-day tour of the South, playing their first game against the Sticker-Lumber company five at Dallas, continuing through Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia and finishing with games against the Good Gulf team at Port Arthur and a game at Houston.

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## MAKE IT BOTH WAYS

"One million Christians, fearful that they will be butchered by the Turks are wearily trudging out of Asia Minor," reads a press dispatch. This may be true and one million Turks are wearily trudging out of western Turkey and other places to find homes in Asia Minor in the hinterland of the Turk.

This was the agreement made by the Christian powers of Europe. Their representatives came to the conclusion that the safe and the same way to bring about peace was to deport Armenians and Greeks from the Turkish provinces and to deport the Turks from Armenian or Greek provinces.

They have been fighting over religious and racial questions for four thousand years in the Near East and they are just as savage today as their forebears were four thousand years ago. According to an American correspondent in the city of Constantinople, "the exodus presents one of the sorriest pictures in all history."

There are rich oil fields in Asia Minor. There are rich oil fields in Persia. There are rich oil fields in many of the provinces of China.

There are rich oil fields in the Near East as well as in the Far East and the big grabbers of Europe are making the most and best of it. Never overlook the fact that there is money in oil.

## AN IMPORTANT DECISION

Powers of state governments to impose taxes upon goods produced for both domestic and national consumption were reviewed and upheld by the United States supreme court in the case of Rowland C. Heister against the Thomas Tillery Company and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

This case brought before the court of last resort the question of the constitutionality of a state tax upon anthracite coal.

The Pennsylvania legislature imposed an ad valorem duty of 1-1/2 per cent on all anthracite mined or prepared for market within that state. The tax is assessed at the time the coal has been mined, washed or screened and is ready for shipment to market. This is an excerpt from the decision:

"In its exercise in taxation it is competent for a state to exempt certain kinds of property and tax others, the restraints upon it being against clear and hostile discrimination against particular persons and classes."

According to this decision it is entirely within the right of the legislature of Texas to impose taxes upon cotton, or petroleum, or wool, or rice, or timber, or upon all raw materials as well as the finished product. Really, the decision of the court of last resort in the Pennsylvania anthracite case may have strated something.

## MARKET FOR AMERICAN WHEAT

European requirements for wheat during the current year will aggregate about six hundred and forty million bushels. Eastern European countries will supply about three per cent of the needs of the continent. Before the war they supplied about 40 per cent of the requirements but this was before the Russian communists had abolished capitalism and the peasant farmers of Russia were noted for their thrift and their industry. Now the United States and Argentina are the wheat producing countries of the world with Canada close third. European buyers are said to be holding off. Despite the heavy requirement they hope for a heavy decline in the price of American wheat and they are hoping against hope.

In the old days, a woman looked rather dowdy before her hair was done up in the morning. But bobbed hair doesn't look worse any particular time.

## EQUALITY IN STATE TAXATION

Texas is perhaps the only state in the Union where the state has no sort of control over assessments of property for taxation and only attempts to equalize taxation by fixing one rate which is applied to the various standards of taxable values used by the different counties in the state," writes James Stacey in defense of the proposition that Texas needs a new dress from top to bottom. "In one county one million dollars worth of property is assessed at two hundred thousand dollars; another county assesses one million dollars at four hundred thousand dollars, and another million dollars at six hundred thousand dollars. The same state tax rate is applied to all. Is it not plain that some are paying three times as much and others are paying twice as much to support the state government in proportion to what each man owns?"

Mr. Stacey had many years experience as an assessor in one of the wealthy counties of the state. "This inequality is due to the power the present constitution gives the commissioners court as boards of equalization," writes the veteran reformer. "They use any standard for a taxable value that suits their pleasure and requirement and there is no appeal from their decision. This was the cause of the failure of the full rendition law and until the constitution is changed creating a state board of equalization there will never be anything like equality in state taxation in Texas."

Texas has 181 lawmakers. This army of servants of the people will organize for business early in January. They know the needs of the people if they read and think. They know the temper of the people. They know what the people expect on the part of their lawmaking servants.

## Good Evening Folks!

The smaller the man, the more pompously he can say "Quite so."

The lost chord of the concert of nations appears to be accord.

Even so, the straits over there cause less trouble than the crooks.

There are many \$10,000-a-year-men, but few of them get over \$3,000.

Another "better speech" week. Ain't we done enough of that stuff?

Still, Solomon in all his glory probably didn't seem quite so majestic as a traffic cop.

A perennial smile indicates that Nature has equipped her with a sweet disposition or a good set of teeth.

Who are these Scots who are demanding independence? We never knew a Scotsman without it.

The prophet who said the moon shall not smite you by night wasn't speaking of moonshine.

Another fault of the House of Representatives is that it represents so many conflicting ideas.

It becomes painfully evident that it takes more than a clause in a peace treaty to make a boundary line.

"This place looks inviting," said Jonah, at the sign of the Whale's Mouth: "I'll just drop in for lunch."

The difference between a republic and a monarchy is that in a monarchy the Government is afraid to go too far.

"What," asks a writer, "is so domestic as the clock?" Well, there's the safety pin.

It is only a question of time until every great man will sell a magazine article telling how he reduced fat.

Another nice thing about a phonograph is that it can't see your pleased expression and come back with an encore.

Correct this sentence: "Every day and in every way," the stout dame cried happily, "I am getting fatter and fatter."

A good amateur mechanic is one who can take his jigsaw apart and find room for all the accessories when he reassembles it.

Correct this sentence: "He has a very ugly temper," said the fond mother. "And I think he gets that from my side of the house."

## C-O-M-M-E-N-T

Minneapolis has organized the largest co-operative wheat sales agency in the world which will handle a hundred million bushels in its first year. Its organizers promise to put the middle man out of business and do away with all overhead expense. Then there is something new under the sun.

One of the foremost German chemists and scientists has invented a process for making high grade substitute fabrics out of low grade fibers. He has arrived in New York City and is negotiating for the exploitation of his invention in this country. He must be the man who invented a machine which would make low grade recent raw cotton high grade material worth 30c per pound to the spinner. There are miracles worked in this age as well as were worked in the dead past.

There must be money in cotton manufacturing. A big corporation in Fall River has declared a cash dividend of 4 per cent and recommended a stock dividend of 30 per cent. Where is the combination of cotton grower that has declared a cash dividend of 4 per cent this year or recommended a stock dividend of 50 per cent? Producers of raw materials never enjoy fat dividends. They are never in a position to cut large melons.

Women, married and unmarried, now the equals of men before the law in Wisconsin must bear the responsibilities of their new privileges according to a decision made by the supreme court of that state. It held a woman liable in her separate property in business when she endorsed her husband's note. And now the wife of a Milwaukee man must pay \$5,000 to one of the leading banks of that city. She endorsed her husband's note, he failed in business and then the wife refused to take up the note. Business is business.

Score 1 for Congressman Thomas Lynn Blanton of Texas. There was a bill pending before the house, T. L. B. made a point of order that eliminated the provision of an under-secretary of the treasury at a salary of \$7,500 per annum. They cannot get by T. L. B. He is the ferocious ever vigilant watch-dog of the treasury.

According to a London cablegram Belfast is beating Berlin linen industry on the price question, particularly as it applied to plain lines and art linen goods. All this in the face of the German mark having a value of \$20 per ton.

Chicago judges are calling for legislation which shall provide long penitentiary terms for speed maniacs. These judges say the maniacs laugh at fines. What should be done and this too without delay is a drastic law in Illinois and other states that will keep a speed maniac in a prison cell for a long term of years. This will check the massacre of the innocents. And why not do it in Texas?



## The One-Man Woman

Full of Doubt, Kate Comes to Childhood Home

By Ruth Agnes Ebeling

**BEGIN HERE TODAY**  
 Widowed by the death of her husband, KATE.

KATE WARD starts for her childhood home in a small island town. On her way she ponders on how her mother, 12 years before, had turned her away with the words, "What you back?" when she sought refuge from the trials of making a living in a large city.

**GO ON WITH THE STORY**  
 But now she was going back—back—Kate kept saying to herself—When the first gray hair finally came through the cracks between the window frame and shade, Kate Ward gathered her things and went to the dressing room.

She was eager! There was something of the girl about her—her eyes. It was a little after 6 when the train pulled into town. Kate was beginning to awaken. Its folk who filled the fields of Illinois corn had finished their harvesting and were "taking it easy for a spell."

She was eager to see the man whom she hoped would still be out in the little rain washed house near the cemetery. She wanted his welcome before she touched the hands of any of the others. No, instead of going down the one main street, she took a by-way and skirted the town, making way with bare steps toward the shore. She hoped had remained unchanged.

It was all so familiar! Almost it looked like the same goldenrod blooming in the fence corners and scattered like the same birds trilling in the trees.

But 12 years are long! Kate's heart beat faster! What if he wouldn't be there? Why had she been silent all these years?

How could women care so much and then bury it in their hearts like some beautiful, fragrant flower that is hidden away in the forest depths? It was cruel almost, cruel to themselves and cruel to the one they loved. At half-past caught her breath and then died in her throat.

There it was! Just a little way up the road! She could see its loved outline through the trees which stood protectively about it. There was a thin line of smoke coming from the chimney. "Someone was there!"

She was pushed open, the gate she had hung on a million times. A heavy hand was thrust out. It was Monk! Monk, up to his old tricks, cautiously peering up and down the street, seeking possibilities for his morning exercise, that of standing along behind a cat, just far enough in the rear to escape her claws when she whirled.

"Monk! Monk!" Kate's voice thrilled with excitement. The air-bell braced his body. His pointed ears stood straight. He looked questioningly at the woman. Suddenly he seemed to sense the thing. He dropped with a flat thump on his nose. His stubby tail jerked. His huge jaws were open. A second—Monk plunged.

With glad little shrieks of dog joy, he landed at the feet of Kate Ward. "I know you'd know—I know you'd know!" She was half laughing, half crying. The dog, full length, was turning at her arm, stretching his powerful brown throat and flashing his red tongue in the old way.

Presently he was on four legs again. With the hem of her suit between his lips, he trotted beside her toward the little house.

They were just at the gate when the door of the house opened. The man who stood there stared. He passed a hand over his eyes and then let it rest on the shock of white hair. "Kate—Kate—am I dreaming again this morning?" His voice was vibrant.

To Be Continued

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## To the Traffic Cop

BY BERTON DRALEY

Dear officer: I understand how much you did the motor traffic.

I honor your uplifted hand and all your signals, clear and graphic.

By no means do I hold you cheap; Without you, traffic's always tangled.

I value much the way you keep Pedestrians from getting mangled.

But when I read your signals wrong, As one will do on some occasion, You needn't make your voice so strong.

I can respond to mild persuasion, If I am reckless, you may shout. No doubt that carries more conviction.

But why so hoarsely haul me out For every minor dereliction?

I don't intend to break the law, And if I do—you can arrest me. But otherwise, why break your jaw?

Abusing me? If you will test me With language moderate, though stern.

You'll find it really quite effective, Yes, honestly, you needn't burn My ears with purple toned invective.

I try to do what you direct, I recognize your legal rightness, And in return mayn't I expect Perhaps a little more politeness?

I'm not a crook, of wicked crimes I am by no means a contriver; Treat me with courtesy, at times, I am, yours truly,

Any Driver.

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## Dubbed a Grouch, His Will Leaves 3 Families His Houses

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Henry Lazarus was dubbed a "grouchy old landlord" by tenants a week ago. But that was before his will was opened. His will leaves the houses three families have been paying rent on for seven years to them. Lazarus was an invalid in his life, so he remembered them when he died.

A postoffice and police station have been established on Craig Island, 850 miles from the north pole and the most northerly point so provided.

## YOU AND I

By ALBERT APPLE

**FLU**  
 "The cause of 'flu' remains an unsolved mystery," says the Journal of the American Medical Association. That's alpha and omega, the beginning and the end, trail ends where it starts.

"Flu," which became highly pandemic in our country in 1918, was a disease such as follows every great war. It got its start where people were the most miserable, undernourished and unhygienic. Developing strength, it spread and easily struck down victims among the strong. Now that humanity has less starvation and suffering, it has greater resisting powers against "flu."

Applying the principle to individuals, a well-nourished body and a cheerful mind can ward off "flu" more easily. And it's doubtful if our generation will have another severe "flu" pandemic of a big scale.

**HEALTH**  
 Are you in good health? No human body is absolutely perfect. An old joke, but it's true, a doctor can always find something wrong with a patient. Nearly every ailment, including cancer, is curable in the early stages. Neglect is what kills, rather than disease.

Important for everyone to have periodic physical examinations—teeth, eyes and a general overhauling. How often? Once in six months is a good rule. Fires are easily checked at the start.

**PENSIONS**  
 Pensions cost taxpayers over \$255,000,000 in the last fiscal year. This was only about \$500,000 less than the year before, though the number of persons on the payroll dropped from 506,653 to 547,016. Very interesting is government arithmetic.

On June 20 last, pensions were being drawn by 73 doctors who fought in the Mexican war, 73 years ago. At which rate, some of our World War doughboys should be drawing pensions in the year 2,000, unless they get pensions like they got the bonus.

**PSYCHO-ANALYSIS**  
 The medical profession is urged to "recognize" psycho-analysis, by Lord Dawson of Penn. He's the king's physician in England. Ethical doctors should take it hand at it, it's supposed to save patients from being victimized by an army of fakirs. Mental healing has more quacks and patent medicine men than ever. Old pills and dollar-a-quart cures—oh, yes. Tinkering with the subconscious mind is more dangerous than taking poisons as medicine except under expert scientific guidance.

**LOSING**  
 Barnum set the country talking about his white elephant—until rain during a parade washed off its coat of white wash. Stung once, most of us doubt there's really such a thing as a white one. Which is a study in human nature.

Word comes that white elephants do exist in Siam. Several are kept in captivity in Bangkok, where the straw has come from. But, alas, the white elephant is losing its prestige among the Siamese, who formerly considered it supernatural. Millions believe that Buddha was a white elephant in one of his incarnations. Ours is an iconoclastic age.

**FIMES**  
 Nearly 7,000,000 Americans a year visit their national forests. In 1921 they started a third of the 6,000 forest fires that burned over 375,000 acres and cost half a million dollars to fight. This year, about the same.

One in every 3,500 visitors started a fire by carelessness! Were you among them—by carelessly tossing aside burning matches, cigarette butts or falling to extinguish camp fires?

**PATMASTER BROOK**  
 BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Two headlines shot up: "George A. Wilson, 30, publisher of the Boston News-Bureau, today as he was entering his office in Kilby street, and escaped with about \$500 in cash."

## 38TH LEGISLATURE MAJORITY

## "BABY PATCHES DON'T FIT STALWART YOUTH"

## FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION

By MUGH NUGENT FITZGERALD  
 AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 10.—A postal poll of the members of the thirty-eighth legislature forecasts a preponderance of sentiment on the part of the lawmakers for the calling of a convention to draft a new constitution for the state. This is in line with the recommendation of the democratic platform adopted in the city of San Antonio and the strong fight made by Governor Neff for important changes in the organic law—that is, a new constitution to be drafted without delay and submitted to the people for approval or rejection.

**SENATORS FAVOR IT**  
 Thus far the poll shows 49 senators and representatives for a new constitution, 18 undecided and seven flatly against the proposition. There are 150 members of the lower house and 33 senators. Senator C. F. Richards has indicated his opposition and an election has been called by the governor for January 10, to fill the vacancy. As the legislature will organize January 9, the district will be unrepresented in the organization of the senate. There is a vacancy in a Hill county district, where George E. Carr, who was accidentally shot and killed while hunting on Thanksgiving day. An election will be held in this district January 9. This is a result of the poll as far as the return have been received.

**FOR CONSTITUTION**  
 Senators For: W. E. Doyle, T. J. Hollman, John Davis, H. H. Hays, Joe Burkett, J. W. Thomas, Charles Murphy.  
 Representatives For: O. D. Baker, William Lusk, H. E. Fausbion, DeWitt Lamb, John F. Wallace, R. A. Baldwin, John M. Adams, F. B. Potter, Julian P. Greer, Henry Sackett, Walter F. Jones, Lloyd E. Stierman, Frank H. Hunsicker, Sam C. Lacker, R. G. Anderson, W. R. Montgomery, H. E. Bell, Eugene Miller, J. M. Perdue, J. T. Stroder, E. H. Gibson, A. L. Pinkston, E. L. Coker, W. C. Edwards, L. L. Carter, Charles C. Rice, J. E. Winfree, J. E. Quinn, W. C. Carpenter, Guy L. Sturgeon, Lee J. Dink, Claude E. Carter, Lee J. Rountree, A. J. Dunham, W. P. Green, Lee Satterwhite and C. L. Martin.

**AGAINST CONSTITUTION**  
 Carey M. Abbey, W. A. Williamson, Leo C. Brady, William A. Fields, T. G. Collins and James Finlay.

**UNDETERMINED**  
 C. H. Rowland, Oscar L. Pate, J. L. Jennings, B. W. Mathies, S. J. Howell, T. H. Cowen, W. J. Carson, F. W. Turner, John C. Amador, James T. Rogers, F. M. Cowen, Nathaniel W. F. McDonald.

**SAILED DECEMBER 16**  
 Schooner Simpson, 148, with case oil for West Island, Texas Co.  
 George Evers, 5710, for South America with case oil via New Orleans. Sgiteovich Co.  
 Reaper, 5100, for Tampico in ballast. The Texas Co.

**PORT ARTHUR DECEMBER 16**  
 Gulfcoast, 3,202, Gulf Refining Co.  
 El Oro (British), 4,405, Sidney Collins.  
 Muskogee, 4,502, Magnolia Petroleum Co.  
 Tatum, 4,015, The Texas Co.  
 Dorchester (French collier), 5,864, Scottsbluff, Missouri, 4,026, Charles Martin Co.  
 Schooner Albert Meyer, 358, Kirby Lumber Co.

**AT SEACREST**  
 Edgfield, 5,571, Sgiteovich Co.  
 S. 2,223, Magnolia Petroleum Co.  
 Nudha (British), 4,504.  
 At Orange:  
 Dakotan (British), 4,014, John E. Jones Co.  
 Schooner Roseway, 2416, Lutz-Moore Lumber Co.

**NAUTICAL MISCELLANY**  
 The British steamer Dakotan, a vessel of the largest tonnage, 10,141 net tons, arrived in port Friday and passed up to Sabine river to load lumber. John E. Jones Company is agent.

The Standard Oil company tank steamer Socoy, towing the tank barge Socoy 91 arrived Friday and passed up to the Neches river to load oil at the Magnolia docks.

Two of the Gulf company tanks arrived Friday, the Gulf of Mexico from Bayonne, and the Gulfing from Florida ports.

The tanker W. U. Burton, a Standard Oil vessel, loaded at the Texas Company docks and went out Friday for Philadelphia.

The British steamer Adra, loading timber and lumber at the Sabine river, went out Friday for London via Galveston.

The British tank steamer British Baxon left for Hull, England, Friday. Chas. Martin Company is agent.

Galveston commercial bodies, including the Cotton Exchange, the Maritime Association, the Commercial Association and Board of Trade, are making a concerted effort to secure the government authorities to continue maintenance of the Galveston Immigration district, which is to be attached to the New Orleans district as per recent order. The purpose of the government is to reduce expenses by combining the two sets of offices.

The Union Sulphur Company steamer C. A. Sailer was reported out of Sabine Dec. 14 with sulphur for Baltimore.

The auxiliary schooner Greva Kathleen, which loaded lumber out of Beaumont a couple of months ago, was reported to have been towed into Mobile during the current week sailing badly.

The American tank steamer Sunbeam is due in the Neches river Dec. 18, and will load Meigs crude at the Humphreys' dock at Smith's Bluff.

**SUES DAIRY BECAUSE MILK HAD WORMS**  
 WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 16. Mrs. Sophie Blum has been appointed by the court as guardian of her one-year-old son to file suit against a milk company asking damages. It is alleged that the boy drank "milk obtained from the company which was unfit for use and contained worms and other foreign substances which caused talking for publication but am heartily pleased to see the result."